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1. SCS TODAY RECEIVED LETTER TO ASST SECRETARY FOR CONG. RELATIONS, DOUGLAS J. BENNET, JR., FROM LAW FIRM OF JEFFREY A. HAAS WHICH CRITICIZED DEPARTMENT AND EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE RENDERED THUS FAR IN STOEN CUSTODY CASE.
2. LETTER GIVES ATTORNEYS VIEW OF EVENTS UP UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18. LETTER THEN GOES ON TO STATE QUOTE EVENTS THEN CEASED TO FOLLOW THE NORMAL LEGAL COURSE. DESPITE NUMEROUS REQUESTS OF COUNSEL, THE CLERK OF THE COURT FAILED TO SIGN AND ISSUE THE WARRANT. IT WAS MR. HAAS' UNDERSTANDING AS WELL AS THE STATED POSITION OF THE UNITED STATES EMBASSY IN GUYANA THAT A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL IN

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THE GUYANA GOVERNMENT HAD ILLEGALLY INSTRUCTED THE CLERK NOT TO ISSUE THE WARRANT. THE EMBASSY SENT A DIPLOMATIC LETTER PROTESTING THIS CLASSIC DENIAL OF JUSTICE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. MR. HAAS LEFT GUYANA ON SEPTEMBER 26TH. THE WARRANT WAS UNSIGNED AT THAT TIME AND REMAINS UNSIGNED.
3. CONTINUE QUOTE, NEW PARAGRAPH. DESPITE THE DIPLOMATIC LETTER OF PROTEST, NEITHER THE COURT NOR THE GOVERNMENT TOOK STEPS TO COUNTERMAND THE WRONG WHICH HAD OCCURRED. END QUOTE.
4. DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT REFTELS DO NOT SUPPORT VIEW OUTLINED IN LETTER. EMBASSY COMMENTS WILL BE APPRECIATED.
5. DEPARTMENT FEELS THAT ATTORNEYS MAY BE ATTEMPTING TO USE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY EMBASSY TO ESTABLISH THAT COURT PROCEEDINGS NOT BEING HANDLED IN FAIR AND IMPARTIAL MANNER. CHRISTOPHER
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